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CLARKSBURG, W. VA., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 1911.

PRICE TWO CENTS

TAFT MAY REPLY TO ROOSEVELT SENATOR CHILTON'S NEICE IS SEARCHED FOR IN NATION OMNIBUS BILL TO BE UP SOON

As to the Peace Treaties at the Peace Dinner in New York.

BIG EATING CROWD
At the Affair Tonight There Will Number Fully 1,200 Guests.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Twelve hundred lovers of peace have signified their intention of attending the peace dinner tonight, when President Taft will be a guest of honor. It is believed President Taft will reply to Colonel Roosevelt's editorial comment of the arbitration treaty. The correspondence between Colonel Roosevelt and Millard J. Bloomer, executive secretary of the peace dinner committee, was made public today. There are several letters from the former President, the principal one of which was written December 5.

"I can not permit the use of my name for that citizens peace banquet," the letter reads, "simply because I do not know what the banquet is for. If it is meant to overawe the Senate and force that body against its conscience to support the unamended treaties which the Senate committee on foreign relations has shown by unanswerable argument to be hostile to the honor and interest of the American people, then I am not in sympathy with you."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—President Taft left Washington today for the last trip of the year. His first stop will be at Philadelphia where he will attend the Wanamaker golden jubilee.

WRECKED
Is the "Oregonian," a Fast Train and Three Persons Are Killed.

ANETA, N. D., Dec. 30.—The "Oregonian," a fast train on the Great Northern railroad, was derailed and at least three persons killed and a score of others injured today, two and a half miles from Sharon, Steel county. General Manager Gruber's car was attached to the train and this with the observation car was the only one to remain on the track. The fatalities occurred in the dining car and the bodies were burned by fire which started in the debris. With the thermometer registering twelve below zero the injured passengers and trainmen suffered severely before they could be given aid. The general manager's car and the observation car were turned into temporary hospitals, and some of the injured were taken to neighboring farm houses.

INVADERS HOME TOWN.
HAMILTON, O., Dec. 30.—Senator LaFollette prepared to invade President Taft's home town today, making a speech here at noon.

BALE OF HAY CAUSES DEATH OF ELKINS MAN.

ELKINS, W. Va., Dec. 30.—John Kelley, aged 33 years, is dead from the effects of being struck by a bale of hay which fell from the second story of a local feed and storage establishment. Mr. Kelley is survived by four sons and three daughters.

VETERANS TO MEET.

All Grand Army of the Republic men are requested to meet at the court house tomorrow afternoon at 1 o'clock sharp to attend the funeral of Alexander C. Moore.

SCHOOLS TO RESUME

The schools of the city will resume work Tuesday morning after being closed since Friday evening before Christmas day for the holidays.

OCTOGENARIAN EXPIRES

GRAFTON, W. Va., Dec. 30.—Elisha Prowance, aged 81, is dead at his home at Tappan, this county, being stricken with paralysis as he was walking across the yard. A wife and two children survive.

H. H. Watson, of Fairmont, is in the city on business.

BOWERS IS NAMED TO RUN FOR MAYOR

MORE TIME

Is Taken by the Pure Food Board to Consider the Question.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The pure food board today postponed until February the operation of its order prohibiting the use of saccharine in food products. The postponement was made to allow the board more time to consider the matter.

LABOR MEN

Are Indicted in Connection with the Nation-Wide Dynamiting.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 30.—Loaf A. Tveitmo, secretary-treasurer of the state building trades council, J. E. Munsey, leader of the Salt Lake Structural Ironworkers Union, and Nanton Joahannsen, organizer of the state building trades council, were indicted here today by the federal grand jury in connection with the alleged nation-wide dynamiting conspiracy, and their arrest followed.

SMALL CHILD

Gets Foot Crushed in Line Shaft at Clarksburg Casket Factory.

Marie Harris, aged 11 years, had her right foot badly mashed Saturday morning when she got it caught in a line shaft at the plant of the Clarksburg Casket Factory. It is not thought by physicians that it will be necessary to amputate the foot but it will be in a bad condition for a long time. She is a patient in the St. Mary's hospital.

BLAZE DRIVES OUT GUESTS OF HOTEL

Big Fire is Finally Put Out by Soldiers and other Fighters.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 30.—After hours of fighting 200 sailors from the Canadian cruiser, Niobe, and troops from the Garrison, with the fire departments of Halifax and Dartmouth, today succeeded in getting fire under control which threatened the entire city. The King Edward hotel, a paper warehouse and four tenements were destroyed with a loss of \$200,000. One hundred and fifty guests escaped but lost their baggage.

UNDERWOOD ILL

Democratic Leader of the Lower House Now Has Appendicitis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Representative Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee, is confined to his room here threatened with appendicitis. His physicians expressed the hope today that an operation would not be necessary.

SIX JUDGES

Are Hearing the Evidence against Samuel Gompers and Others.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The taking of testimony in renewed charges of contempt of court against Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and Frank Morrison, officials of the American Federation of Labor, was commenced here today. The evidence will be submitted to a bench of six judges.

ADOPTEE BY FAMILY

Whose Location is Forgotten She Fails to Arrive at New Home.

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The three national banks will hold their elections Tuesday, January 9, at which time directors and officers will be chosen for the next twelve months. The state banks will also hold elections early in the new year. The Empire National Bank had the largest business this year in its history with an increase of \$150,000 in deposits. It paid two dividends of three per cent each, placed \$25,000 in the surplus fund and has \$12,000 of undivided profits.

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VERY COLD

Is the Weather in Colorado and Wolves Flock to Ranch Houses.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 30.—Temperatures as low as fourteen degrees below zero are reported from many sections of Colorado today. So serious are conditions that rabbits, quail, deer and wolves are flocking to ranch houses and settlements for food.

NEGRO AGED 113 YEARS NOW DEAD AT ELKINS.

ELKINS, Dec. 30.—Dolliver Baxter, a negro, alleged to have been 113 years old, is dead at his home here. Mr. Baxter was a well preserved old man, and at the age of 103 was a witness in an important case in the federal court, giving very straightforward and interesting testimony.

PHILLIPS PEOPLE BUY POPE'S PLANT

Clarksburg, Weirton and Pittsburg Mills Are to Be Merged.

STUPEENVILLE, O., Dec. 30.—A deal of immense importance in the tin plate world has just been concluded. The Phillips Sheet and Tin Plate Company operating plants at Clarksburg and Weirton, W. Va., has purchased the controlling interest in the Pope Tin Plate Company plant here and a merger of the three mills will occur soon after the first of the year. The deal has been pending for some time and was consummated when Charles E. Pope, of

Pittsburg, who owned a controlling share of the \$750,000 capital of the Pope company, disposed of his holdings to the Phillips interests. The exact amount involved was not divulged. The Pope plant, which has been under the management of George Hannan, formerly of Bridgeport, has twelve tin mills and has been operating successfully ever since its organization. The Phillips interests originally bought a small plant at Clarksburg, W. Va., which has been increased from time to time until it now consists of twelve well equipped mills. A couple of years ago its trade demanded further enlarge-

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As to the Report of the Special Board is Unfavorable to Him.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—The report today of a special board of army surgeons to examine Charles W. Morse, a convicted New York banker, now in the Atlanta penitentiary, is said to support previous reports which have been made to President Taft, and it is understood to be unfavorable to the prisoner's release.

TRIUMPH COMPLETE

Dispatch Says in Reference to Republic Movement in China.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Any doubt here as to the complete triumph of the Republican element in China was dissipated today by the receipt of a cablegram from an unofficial but reliable source in Shanghai, stating that the peace commission there had adopted rules and plans for the national assembly which is to provide for the future government of China, and which apparently insures republican success.

In just what form the new merger will be announced has not yet been determined, but it is the intention to increase the capitalization and completely reorganize the business policy of the three concerns.

Included Will Be a Large Number of Civil War Claims.

BILL WILL PROVIDE

For the Payment of a Long List of Claims by This State.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Another effort will be made when Congress reconvenes, to pass the omnibus claims bill carrying appropriations to pay many claims against the government, mostly throughout states which were along the border during the Civil war, and efforts to pay which have been made by several succeeding Congresses without getting the bill through.

It has been learned that the committee on war claims has already prepared and has ready to introduce immediately upon the reconvening of Congress, a bill embracing appropriations for most of the war claims, which have been favorably reported upon by the Court of Claims. The bill as prepared contains appropriations aggregating more than \$45,000 for claimants in West Virginia. The bill may be amended in the House or it may even be amended before it is reported by the committee, but the chances are that if it is passed at all it will be passed in exactly the form in which the committee has prepared it. The bill as at present formulated, contains many items never before carried in a claims bill and provides appropriations to pay West Virginia claimants as follows:

Sarah A. Bodkin, Upshur county, \$287.50.

Charles Cook, administrator of John Cook, Fayette county, \$550.

Lorenzo D. Corbitt, administrator of the estate of William Corbitt, Tucker county, \$150.

Andrew Crouch, Newton Crouch, and B. L. Butcher, executors of Jacob Crouch, Randolph county, \$3,710.

John T. Sharp, administrator of George Dickson, Fayette county, \$99.

John Fitz, executor of Samuel Fitz, Martinsburg, \$1,200.

John H. Fout, administrator of George Fout, Grant county, \$780.

Mary V. Chambers, administratrix of Lydia A. Hockensmith, Jefferson county, \$395.

T. J. Hudson, administrator of Jacob Hudson, Lewis county, \$15.

L. H. Kelly, administrator of John McH. Kelly, and Allie V. Kelly, Braxton county, \$535.

Joseph Loudermilk, Monroe county, \$530.

James S. Lucas, administrator of Catherine S. Lucas, Jefferson county, \$710.

Ruth Milbourn, Louise Milbourn and Henry W. Milbourn, sole heirs to Oliver Milbourn, Jefferson county, \$430.

Sarah Miller, Monroe county, \$330.

William W. Myers, executor of James W. Myers, Jefferson county, \$650.

Henry O'Bannon and William A. O'Bannon, sole heirs of Alfred O'Bannon, Jefferson county, \$304.

J. W. Gardner, administrator of F. A. Roeder, Jefferson county, \$320.

John T. Sharp, administrator of John Sharp, Fayette county, \$340.

H. L. Briscoe, sole heir to Marie Shirley, Jefferson county, \$260.

Joseph C. Smith, Jefferson county, \$620.

James H. Stephenson, Mason county, \$244.

David Tutwiler and Sarah Bettie Wilson, Greenbrier county, \$600.

Methodist Episcopal church, South, Barboursville, \$500.

Presbyterian church of Beverly, \$1,500.

Methodist Episcopal church, Bunker Hill, \$1,000.

Free church, Burlington, Mineral county, \$895.

Methodist Episcopal church, South, Charlestown, \$600.

Saint John's Episcopal church, Charlestown, \$1,850.

Zion Protestant Episcopal church, Charles Town, \$540.

Methodist Episcopal church, South, Clarksburg, \$1,400.

Presbyterian church, Clarksburg, \$525.

Elk Branch Presbyterian church, Dumfries, \$600.

Baptist church, Fayette county, \$475.

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